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SUBJECT OUTLINE OF NATO EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON LATIN AMERICA

REF USNATO 158

1. CHAIRMAN OF EXPERT GROUP HAS CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING
SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR THE EXPERTS' REPORT ON LATIN AMERICA,
WHICH EXPERTS WILL PREPARE AT NATO MEETING TENTATIVELY
SET FOR MARCH 16-18. CHAIRMAN ASKS THAT POINTS SUGGESTED
FOR MAIN HEADING OF THE REPORT BE DEALT WITH IN NATIONAL
CONTRIBUTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE, AND THAT SUCH CON-
TRIBUTIONS REACH NATO BY MARCH 7. US CONTRIBUTION SHOULD
ACCORDINGLY BE POUCHED TO USNATO, IF POSSIBLE, NO LATER
THAT TEN DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THAT DATE.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF OUTLINE:

ATTACHED IS A SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR THE REPORT ON
THE SITUATION IN LATIN AMERICA TO BE PREPARED BY THE EXPERTS AT
THEIR NEXT MEETING IN BRUSSELS. THE DATE OF THIS MEETING WILL
BE ANNOUNCED LATER, BUT SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE IT IS PROPOSED TO HOLD IT FROM WEDNESDAY, 16TH TO
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FRIDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1977.

2. THIS OUTLINE CONTAINS THE MAIN HEADINGS UNDER WHICH
IT IS SUGGESTED THE REPORT BE PREPARED. SHOULD ANY EXPERT
WISH TO SUBMIT A MORE DETAILED REPORT ON A SPECIFIC POINT
RELATING TO THE AREA, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS INCLUDED IN THE
SUGGESTED OUTLINE ATTACHED AT ANNEX, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE
FOR HIM, IN ORDER TO AVOID THE RISK OF DUPLICATION, TO INFORM
THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT IT CAN
INFORM THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS ACCORDINGLY.

3. THE EXPERTS HAVE URGED THAT AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE GENERAL DISCUSSION. TO THIS END, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD REACH THE CAPITALS WELL BEFORE THE EXPERTS LEAVE FOR NATO. CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD THEREFORE REACH NATO BY 7TH MARCH, 1977 SO THAT THEY CAN BE CIRCULATED IN GOOD TIME. THE REPORTS SHOULD BE TYPED IN DOUBLE SPACING, RECTO ONLY, BE PREFACED BY A SHORT TABLE OF CONTENTS AND PAGES AND PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE NUMBERED. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF 50 COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS COULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO (FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR. M.J. JORDAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT).

4. UNDER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EXPERTS' MEETINGS, AS AGREED BY THE COUNCIL ON 4TH OCTOBER, 1961, THE REPORT IS TO BE DRAFTED BY THE EXPERTS THEMSELVES; IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT CONCLUSIONS AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT NEED NOT BE ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT DISSENTIENT VIEWS SHOULD ALSO BE RECORDED, IF THE DISSENTING PARTY SO WISHES. THE REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL IN PERMANENT SESSION IMMEDIATELY ON COMPLETION. THE COUNCIL WILL TAKE NOTE OF THEM AND, IF IT SEES FIT, WILL SUBMIT THEM UNCHANGED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, TO THE NEXT MEETING OF MINISTERS. THESE REPORTS DO NOT, OF COURSE, COMMIT GOVERNMENTS N MATTERS OF POLICY.

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5. EXPERTS MAY WISH TO CONSULT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING: C-M(76)60 DATED 15TH OCTOBER, 1976.

THIS DOCUMENT INCLUDES: 1 ANNEX.

ANNEX TO POLADS (77)6

SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR THE REPORT OF THE EXPERTS ON
LATIN AMERICA

I. GENERAL PROBLEMS

- EVOLUTION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM
- THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
- REGIONAL GROUPINGS
- THE POLITICAL ROLE OF THE CHURCHES, IN PARTICULAR
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN LATIN AMERICA

II. RELATIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD

- LATIN AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPE
- LATIN AMERICA AND THE THIRD WORLD
- ATTITUDE OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO SOVIET POLICY

III. COUNTRY STUDIES

- CUBA (DOMESTIC SITUATION. FOREIGN POLICY.
CONCERN SHOWN BY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES OVER THE
POSSIBILITY OF CUBAN INTERVENTION IN THE AREA)
- ARGENTINA
- BRAZIL
- CHILE
- PERU
- OTHER COUNTRIES

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